Westfield Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Westfield Community Center, 59 North Hill Rd., Westfield, VT

1. Call Meeting to Order

Pat called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

In attendance: Brian Dunn, Kitty Edwards, Ellen Fox, Yvan Laplume, Loren Petzoldt, Pat Sagui

2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Ellen asked to add discussion of closing of the Post Office in Westfield and the possibility of accessing ARPA funding to establish a water and wastewater system in Westfield.

3. Approve Minutes:

Loren made a motion to approve the September 13, 2021 minutes. Kitty 2nd the motion and the minutes were approved.

A. Business from minutes

Pat was collecting information for the group on cannabis regulation. There is a webinar coming up and Ellen will send Pat the info to attend.

4. Zoning Bylaw revisions:

Final edits Articles 5 and 6

Ellen will pick up edits from Westfield General Store and incorporate Yvan and Brian's comments into the current proposed final draft.

Article 7: General Regulations – Overview and Discussion

This was extended to the next meeting.

5. Next Zoning Bylaw draft – schedule of feedback to Ellen

Ellen will have copies at the Town office next Monday, Oct 4 for members to pick up and review, and an electronic copy to Loren. The draft will highlight areas that need input from the PC. PC members will bring comments and edits to our next meeting Oct. 11.

6. Added item to the Agenda: Post Office

PC members discussed potential impacts of the Westfield Post Office closure. Low use and the current postmaster's preference has led to the decision to close the Post Office. "Post Office" will remain a permitted use in the Village Zoning District and leave the option open for a future post office.

7. Added item to the Agenda: ARPA funds for water and wastewater system

Pat will meet with the Selectboard to inquire about allocation of the ARPA funding that has already been given to the Town, and ask if there is any interest in pursuing conversations with the Jay/Troy joint sewer board and the fire district here in Westfield regarding potential water and wastewater systems in Westfield that might be supported by ARPA funding that has been assigned to clean water projects.

8. Other Business

No other business

9. Next Meeting

October 11, 6:00 pm at the Westfield Community Center

8. Adjourn

Ellen made a motion to adjourn, Yvan 2nd the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ellen Fox